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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC KS
SUBJECT: ROKG NUCLEAR REPROCESSING

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR LANDY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER LHO SHIN-YOUNG INFORMED HIM ON OCTOBER 23 OF ROKG DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING FACILITY. DURING CONVERSATION, LHO CAREFULLY STATED THAT THIS WAS "PRESIDENTIAL DECISION."

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION PRESIDENT KORI MIN TOLD LANDY THAT ROKG NOW RECONCILED TO DELAY IN KORI II. MIN SAID THAT, DUE TO DIFFERENCES WITH US ON NUCLEAR REPROCESSING, CANDU REACTOR LIKELY TO BE SECOND ROKG NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. MIN, HOWEVER, EXPECTS KORI II DIFFICULTIES TO BE CLEARED UP SOMETIME IN FUTURE.

3. MIN ALSO OUTLINED TO LANDY LARGE SCALE PLANS TO DEVELOP REGIONAL NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT ON ISOLATED KOREAN ISLAND. KOREANS WILL INVITE NOT ONLY NEARBY ASIAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN AND PHILIPPINES, BUT ALSO SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN FINANCING USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS FACTORY.

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